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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**TEXAS MAN SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IMPRISONMENT IN  
FRAUD SCHEME**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CHARLES EDWARD MINOR, 60, of Allen, Texas, was sentenced to 72 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Sarah E. Barker following his guilty plea to a bank fraud scheme. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Clark County Sheriff's Department, and the Indiana State Police.

MINOR undertook a bank fraud scheme whereby stolen mail was used to obtain bank account information which was then used to make fraudulent split deposits at various banks.

MINOR was apprehended in Clark County, Indiana following a call by a witness of one of the mail thefts from a residential mailbox. When police apprehended MINOR, he was in possession of mail stolen from eight individuals in Clark and Floyd Counties, and a laptop computer which was used to create fraudulent checks.

The investigation also disclosed that the scheme described above was being carried out over many states by MINOR. After a successful transaction in one location, MINOR traveled to another state to avoid detection. More than ten transactions occurred before MINOR was caught in Southern Indiana. The last transaction occurred at a National City Bank branch in New Albany where MINOR obtained \$495.00 from a fraudulent split deposit.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed 5 years supervised release following MINOR's release from imprisonment. MINOR was ordered to make full restitution.

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